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SUBJ: DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF ACTIVITIES IN INDOCHINA

1. FOLLOWING UN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED OCTOBER 9 REGARDING A
DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM
OF \$3,280,000. 2. QTE

NEW DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO UNICEF FOR REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

(THE FOLLOWING WAS RELEASED IN NEW YORK, GENEVA, COPENHAGEN
AND SAIGON.)

AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY, 9, OCTOBER 1974)
AT THE UNITED NATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND
THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) PROVIDING CONTINUING
DANISH SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMMES OF WATER SUPPLY AND
CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION BEING ASSISTED BY UNICEF IN THE REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM. THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF 20 MILLION DANISH
KORNER (\$3,280,000) IS THE SECOND THIS YEAR; AND EARLIER DONATION
IN MARCH MADE 7.5 MILLION KORNER
(APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 MILLION) AVAILABLE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

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HANS TABER, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF DENMARK TO THE
UNITED NATIONS, SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR DENMARK. HE POINTED

OUT THAT THIS NEW CONTRIBUTION, LIKE THE PREVIOUS ONE, SHOULD BE REGARDED AS PART OF HIS COUNTRY'S RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FOR THE WHOLE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, BOTH IN THE NORTH AND IN THE SOUTH.

IN SIGNING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HENRY R. LABOUISSSE, EXPRESSED UNICEF'S DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THIS CONTINUING SUPPORT FROM THE DANISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

THE PROGRAMMES ARE PART OF THE \$44 MILLION ASSISTANCE FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN ALL PARTS OF THE INDO-CHINA PENINSULA, A LARGE PART OF WHICH MUST BE FINANCED THROUGH SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE NEW DANISH CONTRIBUTION TODAY MAKES POSSIBLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF 1,000 HAND-DUG, CONCRETE-LINED WELLS, EACH PROVIDING SAFE WATER TO AN AVERAGE OF 250 PEOPLE AND AN ADDITIONAL 7 DEEP WELL WATER SYSTEMS, EACH SERVING AN AVERAGE OF 6,000 PERSONS. SOME 50 PERCENT OF THOSE IN THE VILLAGES BEING ASSISTED ARE CHILDREN.

IN ADDITION, TODAY'S CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK HELPS UNICEF ASSIST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IN CONSTRUCTING 662 CLASSROOMS FOR 50 STUDENTS EACH IN EXISTING AND NEW SCHOOLS, PLUS REPAIRING 150 DAMAGED SCHOOLS AND INSTALLING SAFE WATER AND LATRINE FACILITIES AT 140 RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. UNQTE
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